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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, MARR, NP, LE, IS, XF
SUBJECT: NEPALESE CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL

REF: STATE 074813

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT TELEPHONED US MARCH 22
EVENING TO ASK WHETHER IT WAS DEFINITELY DECIDED
THAT U.S. WOULD UNDERTAKE AIRLIFT OF NEPALESE
CONTINGENT. BHATT SAID REASON HE WAS ASKING IS
THAT GON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES
TRANSPORT NEPALESE TROOPS, WITH UN PRESUMABLY MEETING COSTS.
WE TOLD BHATT OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT USG MADE OFFER TO UN
OF U.S. ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING NATIONAL CONTINGENTS, BUT
WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE.

2. ASSISTANT DEFENSE MINISTER SHRIDHAR RANA
MARCH 22 EVENING MADE SAME POINT TO DEFENSE ATTACHE,
ADDING THAT NEPAL WAS NEGOTIATING WITH UN OVER
POSSIBLE USE OF RNAC IN AIRLIFT.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RNAC BROUGHT BACK NEPALESE
CONTINGENTS FROM MIDDLE EAST WHEN NEPAL PARTICIPATED
IN UN EMERGENCY FORCE THERE IN 1974. IT SHOULD BE
NOTED THAT RNAC HAS ONLY ONE PLANE, A BOEING 727,
AND THAT NEPALESE AIRLIFT OF 600 MEN AND EQUIPMENT
WOULD THEREFORE REQUIRE SEVERAL TRIPS. RETURN OF
571 PERSONS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED 6 TRIPS IN 1974.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON LIKELY U.S. ROLE IN AIRLIFT
OPERATION.
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